

TOWN OF VERNON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

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APPROVED

Regular Meeting Minutes
Water Pollution Control Authority
December 7, 2017

Attendees:

Chairman E. Ray Weaver, John Anderson, Elizabeth Landry, and Andrew Tedford. Also present Robert I. Grasis, Director, Water Pollution Control; Steve Boske, Assistant Director, Water Pollution Control; Matt Daskal, Financial Analyst, Water Pollution Control; Phil Wilson, owner, 723 Relity LLC and John Seagrave, All-Phase Enterprises

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Weaver called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from the public. Chairman Weaver informed the Authority that he had received a resignation letter from Ralph Zahner. Chairman Weaver regrettably accepted Mr. Zahner's resignation and wished him well as a Town Council member.

MINUTES OF THE WPCA REGULAR MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 26, 2017 AND MINUTES OF THE WPCA PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON NOVEMBER 16, 2017

Mr. Tedford, seconded by Mr. Anderson made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority accepts the minutes of the October 26, 2017 Water Pollution Control Authority Regular Meeting as presented. The motion passed (3-0-1) with Mrs. Landry abstaining. No action was taken on approval of the minutes for the Public Hearing on November 16th, pending direction from the Town Clerk because only one Authority member was in attendance for the hearing.

DISCUSSION OF PLAN TO ACQUIRE SEWERAGE EASEMENT AND SEWERAGE SYSTEM CROSSING 713, 723, AND 777 TALCOTTVILLE ROAD

Mr. Grasis said both Vernon's Town Attorney and the seller's attorney are in agreement with the Sewer Main and Sanitary Sewer Easement Purchase and Sale Agreement regarding the above referenced properties. Mr. Grasis said that the sanitary sewer design map is acceptable to himself and the Town Engineer. Mr. Anderson asked when the document was approved by the Town Attorney. Mr. Grasis said that the final details were received two days prior this meeting. Mr. Anderson said that he is not in favor of receiving documents regarding agenda items at a meeting – they should be included in the agenda packet especially if the item is expected to be voted on; the Authority needs to be prepared to vote. Chairman Weaver and Mr. Tedford agreed with Mr. Anderson. Mr. Tedford, seconded by Mrs. Landry, made a motion that the Town of Vernon Water Pollution Control Authority authorizes the purchase of a sewer main and sanitary sewer easement pursuant to the terms of a Purchase and Sale Agreement between the Town of Vernon as Buyer and 713 Realty, LLC, 723 Realty, LLC and 777 Realty, LLC as Seller and authorizes the Town Administrator, Michael Purcaro, to sign such agreement and all other documents related to the purchase. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0).

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PLANT SUMMARY

Mr. Boske reported that the water quality coming from the plant is excellent and there was no major variations since last month's report. Regarding current activities, Mr. Grasis reported that the carbon regen unit was cleaned and no structural damage to the reactor was found. After an electrical evaluation at the Dart Hill Pump Station, it was determined that blips from Eversource's electrical grid were causing fluctuations in voltage which affected the pumps, Mr. Grasis said. Chairman Weaver suggested looking into the installation of line reactors. Mr. Grasis said that he is waiting for a report regarding repair work done at 66 Orchard Street to determine whether or not Eversource is responsible for the disconnect of the sewer lateral when work was done on the gas line; Tankerhoosen and Campbell Avenue pump stations each had one of its original pumps replaced and both are in service; root control was done on the Collection System in November; and the manhole inspection for the I/I study was completed. Mr. Grasis said FOG Coordinator Gary Leavitt has done an excellent job and all food preparation establishments in Vernon are compliant with current Fat, Oils, and Grease pretreatment regulations. Regarding the facilities plan upgrade, Mr. Grasis said that bids for both the UV Disinfection System as well as the Cloth Media Filtration System will be opened tomorrow. The IFAS bid is scheduled to be open January 5th and Mr. Seigal will be attending the next Regular WPCA Meeting.

APPROVAL OF 2018 MEETING SCHEDULE

It was the consensus of the Authority to accept the 2018 meeting schedule as presented.

ADJOURN

Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Tedford made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lisa B. Yost

Secretary, Water Pollution Control